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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: the Application of:

) Group Art Unit: 2655

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) Examiner: Pendleton, Brian T.

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) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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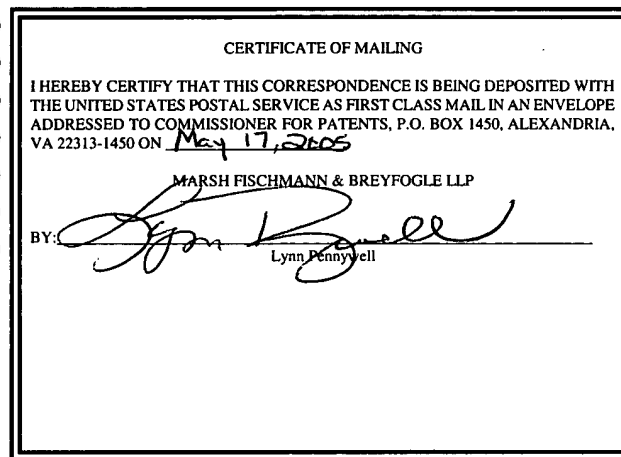
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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN IMPLANTABLE MIDDLE EAR HEARING AID, AND THE RESPONSE OF A PATIENT WEARING SUCH A HEARING AID"



Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2004, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from the first deadline of February 17, 2005, three months from date of Action, to May 17, 2005. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$510.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Respectfully submitted,

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